THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.12451 of 2007

Date: 15.06.2007

Between:

K.Koteswara Rao.

....Petitioner

and

The Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Represented by its Secretary,
Revenue Department at Secretariat,
Hydeabad and another.

....Respondents

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O R D E R:

Petitioner states that he is the absolute owner of vacant land admeasuring 200 square yards (Plot No.240), in Sy.No.10/1 of Vepagunta Village, Pendurthi Mandal, Visakhapatnam District. It is stated that he intended to sell the said land and in that process, approached the second respondent, to register the same in favour of the intending purchaser. The grievance of the petitioner is that the second respondent is not accepting any document for registration, on the ground that the Government issued a notification under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, 1908 (for short 'the Act'), in respect of the land in the said survey number. This writ petition is filed seeking appropriate directions to the respondents in this regard.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Revenue.

Section 22-A of the Act empowered the Government to issue notifications almost preventing the registration of documents in respect of the lands to be mentioned therein. Such a power was held to be *ultra vires* and the provision was struck down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***State of Rajasthan v. Basanth Nahata***[1].

Once the sole basis for the second respondent to refuse

registration had disappeared, he is under obligation to receive the documents and consider the same in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Stamp Act and the Registration Act.

Hence, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the second respondent to receive and process the document, if any, presented by the petitioner and take necessary steps in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Stamp Act and the Registration Act, within one (1) week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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[1] AIR 2005 SC 3401 = (2005) 12 SCC 77